



St. Luke's Episcopal Church

Where all are welcome at the Lord's table

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Wednesday in Holy Week | April 8, 2020 Daily Evening Prayer: Rite Two

The people's responses are in bold

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. *Isaiah 53:6*

Confession of Sin

Dear friends in Christ, here in the presence of Almighty God, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, so that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Silence may be kept.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

Officiant O God, make speed to save us.
People O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

O Gracious Light *Phos hilaron*

Officiant and People

O gracious Light,
pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!
Now as we come to the setting of the sun,
and our eyes behold the vesper light,
we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,
O Son of God, O Giver of life,
and to be glorified through all the worlds.

Psalm 70 (*said by all*)

1 Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; *
O Lord, make haste to help me.
2 Let those who seek my life be ashamed
and altogether dismayed; *
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune
draw back and be disgraced.
3 Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn back, *
because they are ashamed.
4 Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; *
let those who love your salvation say for ever,
"Great is the Lord!"
5 But as for me, I am poor and needy; *
come to me speedily, O God.
6 You are my helper and my deliverer; *
O Lord, do not tarry.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

THE LESSONS

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah 50:4-9a.

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens— wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 12 A Song of Creation *Benedicite, amnia opera Domini*

Song of the Three Young Men, 35-65

Officiant and People

**Glorify the Lord, all you works of the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

**In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

**Let the people of God glorify the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

**Glorify the Lord, O priests and servants of the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

**Glorify the Lord, O spirits and souls of the righteous, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

**You that are holy and humble of heart, glorify the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

**Let us glorify the Lord: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

**In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews 12:1-3.

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Consider him who endured such hostility against himself from sinners, so that you may not grow weary or lose heart.

Reader **The Word of the Lord.**

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Song of Simeon *Nunc dimittis*

Luke 2:29-32

Officiant and People

Lord, you now have set your servant free *

to go in peace as you have promised;

For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, *

whom you have prepared for all the world to see:

A Light to enlighten the nations, *

and the glory of your people Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

A Reading from the Gospel according to John 13:21-32.

At supper with his friends, Jesus was troubled in spirit, and declared, "Very truly, I tell you, one of you will betray me." The disciples looked at one another, uncertain of whom he was speaking. One of his disciples-- the one whom Jesus loved-- was reclining next to him; Simon Peter therefore motioned to him to ask Jesus of whom he was speaking. So while reclining next to Jesus, he asked him, "Lord, who is it?" Jesus answered, "It is the one to whom I give this piece of bread when I have dipped it in the dish." So when he had dipped the piece of bread, he gave it to Judas son of Simon Iscariot. After he received the piece of bread, Satan entered into him. Jesus said to him, "Do quickly what you are going to do." Now no one at the table knew why he said this to him. Some thought that, because Judas had the common purse, Jesus was telling him, "Buy what we need for the festival"; or, that he should give something to the poor. So, after receiving the piece of bread, he immediately went out. And it was night.

When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once."

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Rev. Christine Cassels

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant and People

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;

R. And grant us your salvation.

V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

R. Let your people sing with joy.

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

R. For only in you can we live in safety.

V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
V. Let your way be known upon earth;
R. Your saving health among all nations.
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

Lord God, whose blessed Son our Savior gave his body to be whipped and his face to be spit upon: Give us grace to accept joyfully the sufferings of the present time, confident of the glory that shall be revealed; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

O God, the life of all who live, the light of the faithful, the strength of those who labor, and the repose of the dead: We thank you for the blessings of the day that is past, and humbly ask for your protection through the coming night. Bring us in safety to the morning hours; through him who died and rose again for us, your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. **Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

As we journey this week with Christ and celebrate the paschal mystery of his death and resurrection, let us earnestly pray to God for those following the way of the cross and for all peoples everywhere. Let us pray to the Lord saying, Lord, here our prayer, **forgive us and make us whole."**

For the one holy catholic and apostolic Church throughout the world sharing the death and resurrection of Christ. We pray for those who have been called to guide us on our journey of faith: For Michael our presiding bishop, Nicholas our bishop, and for the clergy and lay staff of our parish. Lord, hear our prayer, **forgive us and make us whole.**

For nations, peoples, and their leaders, especially Donald our president, and Gina our governor, called and chosen to serve the world. We pray for those in our parish serving in the Armed Forces. Forgive us for the hatred that divides us, the covetous

desires to possess what is not our own, and the greed which infects our hearts, that one day your peace might govern the world. Lord, hear our prayer, **forgive us and make us whole.**

For all those stand in the shadow of the cross longing for the light of Easter. We pray for all victims of war and violence, all refugees, the homeless, the hungry, the oppressed, and those longing to be set free. Heal our indifference to the suffering of the world, and make us ever mindful of the needs of others. Lord, hear our prayer, **forgive us and make us whole.**

For those standing in need of the healing power of God's love. We pray especially for the needs and concerns of our parish community: Margaret Poole, Julian, Miesh, Larry Baxter, Steve, Balmore Alvarez, Brayden Mossey, Leo, Aimee Welch, Sue Tingle, Margaret Pinney, James Rugliano, Piero, Shirley Monks, Joan Ruberg, Natalie Cockrell, Bud Cockrell, Sarah Stevens, Beth A., Jean R., Susan H., John D., Heather MacQueen, Stephen C., Fred Stahle, Lori, Ethel Marie, Bob D., Elaine James, Liz McClintick, Bruce, Theresa Deiters, Linda, Patty M., Jeanne, Rose C., Maria, Rich Fogarty, Jack Cornell, Lois Hunter and Gary Bellows. May they know the presence of God and be restored to newness of life. Lord, hear our prayer, **forgive us and make us whole.**

For those who have completed their earthly journey and now stand before the throne of God. We pray for those who have died, and those who will die this week, that joining with them and blessed Luke, our patron, we may at the last share in the glory of the resurrection. We pray especially for Richard Stevens, James Hoblick, Barbara Fleming, and their family and friends in their time of grief. Lord, hear our prayer, **forgive us and make us whole.**

Gracious God, in your love and goodness you have taught us to come near to you through self-examination, repentance, prayer, fasting, self-denial, and by reading and meditating on your Holy Word. Guide us along our Lenten pilgrimage, strengthen us in our discipleship and faithfulness, that we might experience the fullness of this season and arrive at Easter with full and grateful hearts. Lord, hear our prayer, **forgive us and make us whole.**

The General Thanksgiving

Officiant and People

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.** *2 Corinthians 13:14*

Liturgical Participants

Officiant: The Rev. Timothy T. Rich, Rector
Preacher: The Rev. Christine Cassels, Deacon
Reader: Sally House